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June 4, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my strong support for the East Bay Regional Park District's application to the California Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, for planning studies of two sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail located in the ridge lands of southern Alameda County. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is working with the EBRPD to move this project forward in an effort to further complete the East Bay portion of the Ridge Trail, a proposed 400-mile trail network that will link parklands and open space preserves around the San Francisco Bay.

The project will focus on trail planning for two major gaps in the Ridge Trail, between Highways 580 and 680. One of the trail segments will connect Garin/Dry Creek Regional Park to an area north of Niles Canyon, a distance of 3.5 miles. The Vargas Plateau funding will complete planning studies for 4.5 miles of trail on the Vargas property immediately south of Niles Canyon.

I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to EBRPD's application for funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Liz Figueroa, written in a cursive style.

Liz Figueroa
State Senator, 10th District

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May 28, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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Once again, thank you for considering this request. This funding is critical to continuing the community effort to establish this important urban resource. For these reasons, I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to EBRPD's application for funding and hope you will give this grant application your careful review.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Corbett
Assemblymember, 18th District

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May 26th, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the East Bay Regional Park District's \$110,000 grant application to the Coastal Conservancy for trail planning efforts in and adjacent to the Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park and the Vargas Plateau property. These planning efforts will lay the groundwork for approximately 5 new miles of multi-use recreational trails, provide access to two previously land-banked properties, set the stage for further progress in implementing the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and provide new opportunities for exploration and renewal to the citizens of Alameda County and the region.

The East Bay Area Trails Council is the only east bay forum providing a voice for all local trail organizations. Made up of equestrian, bicycling, and hiking organizations, the East Bay Area Trails Council has voted unanimously in support of these planning projects to ensure that these properties and the necessary infrastructure are developed and opened to the public in a well-planned and expedient manner.

We urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this funding application to complete critical planning needed for the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Alameda County.

Most sincerely,

Michael Kelley
Secretary, East Bay Area Trails Council

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HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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June 1, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

I understand East Bay Regional Park District is submitting a grant for \$110,000 to fund planning for development of two sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail located in the ridge lands of southern Alameda County. The Ridge Trail is a regional attraction hosting a 400-mile trail network offering spectacular views of the Bay Area and links many parklands and open space preserves. The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District strongly supports the award of this grant for planning these critical trail linkages.

The project will focus on trail planning for a major gap of the Ridge Trail, between Highways 580 and 680. The District will plan two separate trail segments on the Garin/Dry Creek property and the Vargas property. The Garin/Dry Creek Regional Park project will complete plans for a 3.5-mile segment of trail connecting already proposed trail north of Niles Canyon. The Vargas Plateau planning project will help develop 4.5 miles of trail on the Vargas property immediately south of Niles Canyon.

On behalf of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, I am urging the State Coastal Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Eric Willyerd
General Manager

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June 2nd, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has enjoyed extraordinary success through our partnership with the Coastal Conservancy. This partnership allowed us to use Proposition 12 funding that resulted in the dedication of 37 new miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail and the planning for an additional 33 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail. We have worked closely with your staff to administer the first Proposition 40 funded grant round directed at new Ridge Trail projects.

We have encouraged the East Bay Regional Park District to submit a grant for \$110,000 to fund planning for development of two sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail located in the rolling hills of southern Alameda County. The Ridge Trail is a regional attraction hosting a 500-mile trail network offering spectacular views of the Bay Area and links many parklands and open space preserves. We strongly support your award of this grant for planning of these critical trail linkages.

The project will focus on trail planning for a major gap of the Ridge Trail, between Highways 580 and 680. The District will plan two separate trail segments on the Garin/Dry Creek property and the Vargas property. The Garin/Dry Creek Regional Park project will complete plans for a 3.5-mile segment of trail connecting already proposed trail segments north of Niles Canyon. The Vargas Plateau planning project will help develop 4.5 miles of trail on the Vargas property immediately south of Niles Canyon.

Funding for these planning projects will come from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Program Proposition 40 allocation. Through this letter we are urging the State Coastal Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this request. Thank you for your consideration and your previous support of our mission and projects.

Sincerely,

Holly Van Houten
Executive Director

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June 9th, 2004

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Through this letter I am urging the State Coastal Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tina Batt

Tina Batt
Executive Director

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